

tion, nor permitted them so much as to make an announcement, and.

Whereas, the pastor, Zed H. Copp in his sermon on Sabbath morning, April 8 made remarks reflecting not on the Board of Elders only, but on the church in general, stating among other things that "the church at large in the Johnstown and Winona Conference hindered the Dayton work," that the latter "treated him like a dog" and that "the Board of Elders have been the backbone of the trouble in the church" that the "reason why those coming with authority (the Board of Elders) will not be admitted into the church is found in Phil. 3: 2. 'Beware of dogs; beware of evil workers'."

Now, therefore, we the Elders, because of the arbitrary rulings of Zed. H. Copp, which we find to be the cause of the trouble in the Dayton Brethren church, suspending members from fellowship without trial or hearing and because of his entire insubordination do, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the state conference of Ohio declare that Zed H. Copp is no longer a member of the conference of the Brethren churches of Ohio, neither those who may follow and support him.

Report of Chairman of Board of Elders

Dear Brethren: When the Board of Elders entered upon their duties, there were a number of churches without pastors and having been in this State for quite awhile, it became apparent at once that there was much for us to do as a Board. In order that these churches might have the gospel preached to them we entered upon our work to form them into pastorates. Soon after the State conference the chairman paid a visit to Miamisburg, Bear Creek, and Troy churches and stopped off with the Dayton Mission. I preached for each of these churches and tried to impress upon them the necessity of immediately securing pastors to minister to their spiritual wants. And I am happy to say that Miamisburg soon after secured the services of Elder J. M. Bowman and Bear Creek, West Alexandria and Farmersville are formed into a pastorate and are presided over by Dr. J. C. Mackey.

An effort was made on the part of the Board to unite Troy with some adjacent charge but inasmuch as we have no power to bring this about without the consent of pastor and people we failed in our efforts. Troy is a church that needs help and must have immediate relief if the work there is to be continued. We have a splendid church building at Troy but the membership is very much discouraged yet I am told there are many good and earnest people there and by the proper efforts we might, in a very short time, have a flourishing church there. Bloomers is also a point that needs the help of the Mission Board, if not united with some other church.

The Glenford charge is yet without a pastor, but inasmuch as they have been trying to secure the services of some minister, I feel confident that they will soon be supplied. Fairhaven also is yet without a permanent pastor, but has been having preaching regularly during the year.

The secretary of the Mission Board, J. D. Findley, made his annual report. The following is the report which was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Secretary's report of the Ohio Home Mission Board. Resources

Cash received as follows:

Glenford	\$11 66
Miamisburg	11 70
Buckeye City	14 23
Fairview	26 25
Ashland	34 86
Ankenytown	17 84
North Liberty	17 73
Williamstown	8 35
Bryan	6 84
Middlebranch	22 33
Bethesda	1 73
Homer	12 50
Columbus	2 00

Louisville 7 65
Mt. Zion 1 00
Gretna 5 16
Pleasant Hill 8 00
Winchester 15 00
Two coupons 3 00
Hugo Paul Wise 2 00

Cash balance from last year 44 30
Publication Board bond 125 00
Interest on same 10 00
Three coupons 3 75

Total resources \$412 28
Expenditures.
To J. L. Kimmel \$4 01
To postage and revenue 1 00
To treasurer (cash) 268 52

Total expenditures \$273 53
Bal. in secretary's hand, \$138 75.

Note. The cash in treasurer's hand \$83 02 with the securities held by the secretary \$138 75, consisting of bond and accumulated interest and coupons, make the present resources of the Mission Board of Ohio \$221 79.

The Ohio Home Mission Board was instructed to pursue the same plans for raising the funds for the coming year as was adopted last conference.

The secretary made the statistical report for the year. Owing to the failure of the congregations to respond to the request of the secretary the report is very meager. The reports of those which responded were very encouraging. Twenty-three congregations reported 1822 members. Twenty-two own church houses valued at \$36 300. There are twenty Sisters' Societies of Christian Endeavor having 352 members and which raised during the year \$779 57. These twenty-three congregations paid \$568 15 to missions during the year. There are but eight young peoples' societies and but eleven have a prayer meeting.

On motion the rules were suspended and the following trustees of Ashland College were elected for a term of three years: John Keim, E. J. Worst and C. E. Deffenbaugh.

The election of officers for the ensuing conference year resulted as follows: Moderator, J. L. Kimmel; Assistant Moderator, W. A. Welty; Secretary, J. Allen Miller; Assistant Secretary, J. C. Beal; Treasurer, G. A. Ruff. On Board of Elders A. D. Gnagey. On Ministerial Examining Board, J. C. Mackey. A collection of \$7 70 was taken up for conference expenses.

By ballot the conference accepted the invitation of the Bryan church to meet there next year.

Next on the program was the discussion of the topic: Some needed reforms in Sunday school work. A. D. Gnagey opened the discussion. Followed by S. B. Grisso in a well prepared paper. Same was ordered published in the EVANGELIST. The discussion was further engaged in by brethren F. L. Garber, Bauman, Ewing, Prof. Garber and Cassel.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Brother H. S. Jacobs led in the devotional services. The Executive Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows: J. A. Miller, S. B. Grisso and Samuel Keiser.

Brother J. C. Mackey next read an excellent paper on the "Ministry: How Increase Its Numbers." The same was ordered published in the EVANGELIST. This was followed by a paper on the "Ministry: How Increase Its efficiency," by brother Josiah Keim. Both papers were discussed by Brethren Ross, Miller, Cassel and others.

Sister Mary Wise next read a very helpful and instructive paper on "The Model Society." It was ordered published. Sister Vianna Detwiler also read a paper on "Soul Culture" which was very excellent. Both papers were warmly commended by all. The following S. S. C. E. officers were re-elected for the year: President, Sarah Keim; secretary, Clara W. Miller; treasurer, Mary Wise.

The final and complete report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted as follows:

Ministerial delegates present, J. Allen Miller, A. D. Gnagey, H. M. Oberholtzer, Isaac Leedy, J. C. Beal, W. A. Welty, Wm. Kiefer, J. L. Kimmel, John Crawford Mackey, Josiah Keim, C. E. Deffenbaugh, M. S. White, Dyoll Belote, Isaac Ross, S. B. Grisso, and H. S. Jacobs, Wm. Beachler. Total 17.

Lay delegates present, Mrs. Alice L. Kimmel, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of Buckeye City; E. J. Worst and J. T. Kolb of Ashland; F. L. Garber and C. A. Beal of Ankenytown; J. Findley of Glenford; Geo. Wineland of North Liberty; G. A. Ruff of North Georgetown; Perry Clapper of Louisville; Mazie Teeter of Pleasant Hill; Mrs. Louisa Ross of Buckeye City; Samuel Keiser of Bryan, and J. C. Ewing of Dayton mission. Total 14.

Ministers not present whose credentials were presented and approved, D. L. Minderman, C. L. Eccard, C. E. Weidner, A. H. Lichty, S. W. Wilt, P. J. Brown, Daniel Hendricks, and N. M. Palmer. Total 8.

It was ordered that the report of the board of elders and the action of the board of elders be sent to the Dayton papers.

The report of the committee on temperance submitted the following which was adopted.

We believe that no nation can enjoy fully the blessing of Almighty God so long as it permits an evil which is responsible for more than three fourths of the crime and poverty of the people, for the destruction of thousands of homes, and for the loss annually of one hundred thousand souls.

Therefore, we, the conference of the Brethren churches of the state of Ohio, desire to place ourselves on record as uncompromisingly opposed to the liquor traffic. Signed by committee, S. B. Grisso, Perry Clapper, Louis S. Bauman.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the brethren and sisters of the Ankenytown congregation for their great kindness and courtesy shown toward and their hospitable entertainment of this conference.

Resolved, That the conference extend a vote of thanks to the officers for the patience, fidelity, and faithful and efficient performance of their duties.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be especially tendered the sisters and to all who served the splendid dinners in the school house to the delegates and others.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to all who have taken an active part in the program and who by their wisdom and purity of purpose have made this conference one among the most interesting on record. Signed by committee, Wm. Beachler, G. A. Ruff, Jacob C. Cassel.

Adjourned.

On Saturday evening an interesting session was held. Brother J. C. Mackey led in the discussion of the subject: "The Church and Some Present Day Social Problems." Others who took part in the discussion were Prof. Garber, Miller and Cassel.

An offering was taken for the General Mission Board.

On Sunday morning a large congregation assembled for public worship. Sermon by J. Allen Miller on Acts 2: 42.

On Sunday afternoon a young people's rally was held. The meeting was led by brother J. C. Beal. Brother Beachler, brother Belote and Sister Detwiler took part. The address of the hour was delivered by Brother Mackey.

In the evening a very large congregation assembled to hear Brother Mackey's very helpful and instructive sermon.

Thus ended one of the largest attended and most helpful conferences ever held by the Brethren churches of Ohio.

J. L. KIMMEL, Moderator.

J. ALLEN MILLER, Secretary.